

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed August 17, 2006. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1 – 5, 19, 21, 23 – 27 and 31 - 35 are pending. In particular, Applicant has amended claim 24, has added claims 32 – 35, and has canceled claim 30 without waiver, disclaimer or prejudice. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges that claims 1 – 5, 19, 21 and 23 are allowed and that claims 30 and 31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In this regard, Applicant has amended claim 24 to incorporate the limitations previously recited in claim 30. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 24 and its dependent claims 25 – 27 and 31 are in condition for allowance. With respect to claim 31, Applicant has added a new independent claim 32 that incorporates the limitations previously recited in claim 31. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 32 and its dependent claims 33 - 35 are in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action indicates that claims 24 - 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Haneda*. As set forth above, Applicant has amended claim 24 to incorporate the limitations previously recited in claim 30, the allowability of which is set forth in the Action. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejections have been rendered moot.

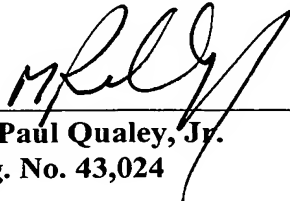
Cited Art Made of Record

The cited art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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